

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 9 have been allowed, and claim 16 is indicated as allowable. In this Amendment, claim 16 has been amended and claims 10 through 15, 17, and 18 have been cancelled. No new matter is added.

Support for the amendments to claim 16 may be found from the filed claims, as well as elsewhere in the originally filed specification, drawings, and claims.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1 through 9 are allowable, and for indicating that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 10, 15 and 16, as recommended by the Examiner.

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 13 has been cancelled in this Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 10 through 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,067,474 to Schulman et al. These claims have been cancelled in this Amendment without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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